

## 1.1 Do you need specialised aids and equipment for your young child?

### Do you need mobility assistance equipment or other equipment?

The Aids and Equipment Program (A&EP) may be able to help you access aids, equipment and necessary home modifications (such as rails). Sometimes you also have to make a contribution to the purchase cost. Equipment needs to be prescribed by a Therapist; the Therapist can also make contact with the A&EP on your behalf. To find out more and receive an application form contact your local A&EP provider, located at:

Austin Health – Banyule: 9496 4094

Royal Melbourne Hospital - Parkville: 8387 2251 - Hume, Moreland

Royal Children’s Hospital (up to 18 years) 9345 5964

St Vincent’s Hospital, Darebin (Sth), Melbourne, Yarra: 9288 3858

The Northern Hospital: Nillumbik, Darebin (Nth), Whittlesea: 8405 8594

Western Hospital Sunshine, Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley, Brimbank, Melton, Hobsons Bay, Wyndham: 8345 1267.

### Would you like to trial equipment before making the decision to purchase?

Yooralla Equipment Library at the Independent Living Centre, Brooklyn - 9362 6111 (Monday to Friday)

Royal Children’s Hospital Equipment Distribution Centre - 9345 5325

Victorian Continence Resource Centre may have some sample products that you can try - 9816 8266

ComTEC Disability Communication and Technology Solutions at the Independent Living Centre, Brooklyn - 9362 6111

Fees and Charges may apply.

### Is the equipment not quite meeting your needs?

If conventional equipment is not meeting your needs, you may be able to get some custom designed equipment or modifications done. Volunteers do this and you only pay for the cost of materials and travel expenses.

Contact **TADVIC** on 9853 8655.

### Options for funding:

- You can contact DHS Intake and Response Team on 1800 783 783 to talk about funding options.

### Other options:

- The Variety Club provides assistance to children with special needs for things such as equipment 8698 3900.
- Your local Lions or Rotary Club may be able to help you fundraise.
- The Equipment Recycling Network has a range of second hand equipment for sale. Call them on 9879 5211 for further information. [www.erni.asn.au](http://www.erni.asn.au)

### Do you require information on Continence Products?

If you require information on Continence Products go to information sheet 4.8 of this kit.